

BLOOMERS HEADED

Rock Island Pulls Visitors Down
From Top of Percent-
age Column.

ELEVEN INNINGS OF ARGUMENT

Opening Game Yesterday Charac-
terized by Big Crowd and
Much Excitement.

	P. W. L. Per.
Rockford	6 5 1 .833
Davenport	5 4 1 .800
Bloomington	7 5 2 .714
Rock Island	7 3 4 .428
Decatur	7 3 4 .428
Joliet	7 3 4 .428
Cedar Rapids	5 2 3 .400
Dubuque	6 0 6 .000

Results Yesterday.

Rock Island, 9; Bloomington, 8.
Davenport, 11; Cedar Rapids, 4.
Rockford, 5; Dubuque, 3.
Joliet, 12; Decatur, 7.

Games Tomorrow.

Bloomington at Rock Island.
Davenport at Cedar Rapids.
Rockford at Dubuque.
Decatur at Joliet.

In a long drawn out game, which at one time was as quiet as a Sunday school picnic and at others was a slugging match, Rock Island defeated Bloomington here yesterday afternoon after 11 innings of play by the close score of 9 to 8. With the score 8 to 6 at the beginning of the second half of the eighth inning, Rock Island pulled the game out of the fire with the assistance of a two-bagger by Rebsamen and timely hitting

won the match in the eleventh. It was Bloomington's game up to the ninth inning, four runs in the eighth bringing the home team within striking distance. Both twirlers were touched up freely. Case for 12 and touched up freely, Case for 11 and Belt for 12 hits.

The crowd was one of the largest that has ever attended a weekday contest in this city and the rooting was a feature. Everybody had plenty of excitement, in fact the game was a surfeit of it. Mayor McConchie officiated in delivering the first ball to the bat, and King, who was up, obligingly swiped at it, but missed a mile.

A Long Contest.

The first three innings were featureless, not a run being scored on either side. In the fourth, Smith for Bloomington dropped a clean hit to left, but was caught at second. Errors by Case and Dickey were responsible in a measure for Godwin's score. In the second half of the fourth Donnelly and Graham got on bases and electrified the bleachers by scampering home on a wild throw to second.

In the fifth inning Bloomington took a rise when Donovan smashed the ball over the south fence on the bounce for a home run. Mulaney and Smith soon scored on a two-bagger by Truby. It began to look like a carnage when Godwin belted the leather, but Truby was caught at third and Brown retired the side with a drive to short.

A Hot Finish.

No more scoring was done until the eighth inning, when Belt and Brown scored for Bloomington, while Rock Island went through a comedy of errors. But Rock Island redeemed her vanishing reputation in this inning by falling on Barker for three two-baggers and a single which brought in four scores. Two more were added by each side in the ninth, again tying the score. Bloomington was blanked in both the last innings, but the home team rallied in magnificent shape and

	A. B. R. H. P. A. E.
Rock Island	6 1 3 2 5 0
Green, ss	6 1 1 4 0 1
Donnelly, cf	6 1 0 5 3 1
Graham, 2b	6 1 1 1 1 0
Schmidt, rf	6 3 1 15 0 4
Rebsamen, lb	6 1 2 5 0 0
O'Leary, c	6 1 3 1 2 0
Doll, 3b	6 1 3 1 2 0
Dickey, lf	5 0 1 1 1 1
Case, p	5 0 0 0 8 2
Total	52 9 12 33 23 9
Bloomington	A. B. R. H. P. A. E.
King, ss	6 0 2 2 4 0
Donovan, rf	6 1 1 1 0 0
Mullaney, lb	6 1 0 12 0 0
Smith, lf	6 1 2 0 1 1
Truby, 2b	6 1 2 4 2 1
Godwin, cf	6 2 1 0 1 1
Brown, 3b	6 1 1 4 2 0
Belt, c	5 1 2 5 5 2
Barker, p	5 0 0 4 9 1
Total	52 8 11 33 20 6

Score by innings:
Rock Island.....0 0 0 2 0 0 4 2 0 1-9
Bloomington.....0 0 0 1 3 0 0 2 2 0 0-8
Bases on balls—Case 4, Belt 5. Two base hits—Green (2), Doll, Donnelly, Godwin, Truby, Home run—Rebsamen. Struck out—Case 5, Barker 4. Wild pitch—Barker. Time: 2:45. Umpire, Lewison.

Joliet 12, Decatur 7.
Joliet, May 8.—Joliet opened its new baseball park yesterday afternoon with a substantial victory over Decatur, the team from Macomb county being beaten 12 to 7. Twelve hundred people applauded the work of the home team and complimented the management on its fine grounds.

Mayor William C. Crelius doffed his coat and entered into the practice work with the teams. Later he pitched the first ball of the game and it was caught by his little son, William, Jr., the crowd applauding.

The game was a bombardment on the part of Joliet men. They early developed a liking to Weigand's delivery and in the first inning made three singles and a double and a quar-

ter of runs. Every man on the Joliet team secured one or more hits. All told there were two triples, four doubles and 10 singles for the Joliet players. Weigand had no difficulty with the visitors until the eighth, when he let up in his work and the Decatur sent their score up to 6. The game, however, so far as Joliet was concerned, was never in danger.

The diamond was a little rough, but the team work was fast, both sides putting up a good fielding game. The score:

Rockford 5, Dubuque 3.
Dubuque, Iowa, May 7.—Dubuque opened the Three-Eye league season on the home grounds yesterday, being defeated by Rockford by the score of 5 to 3. Both teams marched to the ball park, headed by the Dubuque Military band. The visitors won in the fifth by a combination of hits and errors. The street car strike affected the attendance, which was 800. The score:

Rockford.....0 1 0 0 3 1 0 0 0-5 6 1
Dubuque.....0 0 2 0 1 0 0 0 0-3 8 5
Batteries—Owens and Stark; O'Day and Jameson.

Davenport 11, Cedar Rapids 4.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa, May 8.—The locals opened the season on the home diamond with a disastrous defeat at the hands of Davenport. Peltz pitched a good game, but his support was miserably weak. Hackett for the visitors made a sensational running catch in left field in the third inning, but injured his leg in doing it, and Hansen was substituted. Score:

Cedar Rapids.....2 0 0 0 0 1 1 0-4 12 3
Davenport.....0 0 0 4 5 0 0 0 2-11 9 4
Batteries—Peltz and Smith; Stauffer, Morrison and Lobeck.

Baseball Briefs.
Hegman, of Detroit is a new pitcher that has been signed by Manager Tenenau, of Joliet.

The cartoonist of the Cedar Rapids Gazette effectively pictures the row

at Bloomington, with Umpire Farnham getting the worst of it, and inquires, "If it costs \$5 to touch his blouse, what would it cost to make a rough house?"

Davenport has released O'Leary, the shortstop. Though yesterday's game was not up to the standard we will expect later in the season, it furnished plenty of excitement and it had the right sort of ending. When the team gets into working form there will be a clearing up in the error column.

Simon & Mosenfelder have offered a fine hat to the Rock Island player who first bats a fair ball over the fence.

Mrs. C. L. Schnitzer was awarded the season pass book offered the lady who made the best estimate of the number of paid admissions at the opening game. She placed the number at 1,375, while the actual number was 1,367.

Bloomington today and tomorrow, and then Decatur comes for a three-days session. After that Rock Island goes for a series at Joliet.

"Big He" Elliott, formerly with Rockford, and now with Milwaukee in the American association, was given the bumps for 18 safe ones at St. Paul yesterday.

Scores in the Big Leagues.
Chicago, May 8.—Base ball scores were as follows:

League: At Brooklyn—Boston 1, Brooklyn 12; at New York—Philadelphia 4, New York 8; at Cincinnati—Pittsburg 8, Cincinnati 11—ten innings; at St. Louis—Chicago 10, St. Louis 1.

American: At Boston—New York 2, Boston 6; at Chicago—St. Louis 2, Chicago 4; at Philadelphia—Washington 5, Philadelphia 19; at Cleveland—Detroit 5, Cleveland 6.

Association: At Toledo—Indianapolis 19, Toledo 2; at Columbus—Louisville 4, Columbus 5; at St. Paul—Milwaukee 4, St. Paul 12; at Minneapolis—Kansas City 9, Minneapolis 3. Western: At Colorado Springs—Denver 5, Colorado Springs 6.

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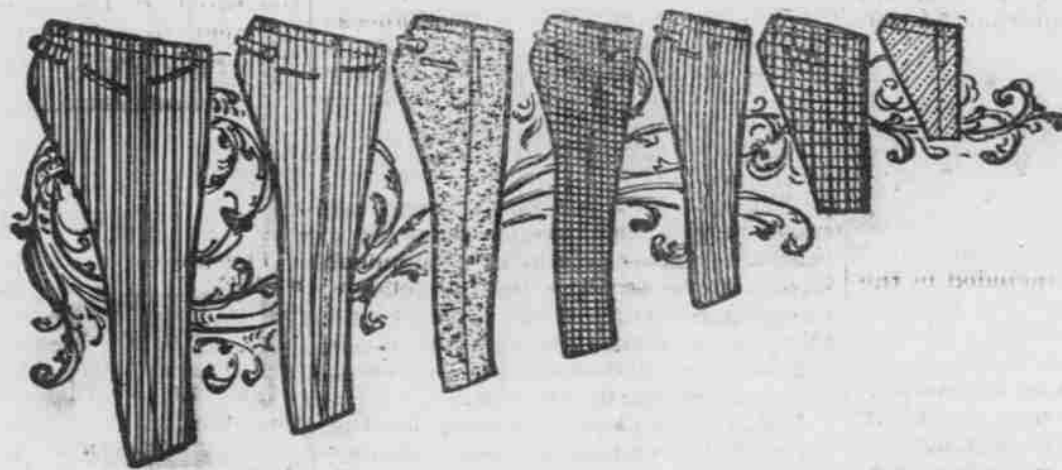
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